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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a)

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a), Applicants respectfully request that the enclosed Declaration, which is signed by two of the three joint inventors of the subject application, be accepted to satisfy the requirements of the law.

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The above-identified patent application names three joint inventors: Zeina Tannous, Abel Torres, and Salvador Gonzalez. As evidenced by the facts set forth in the attached Declaration of Michele O'Shea and the attached Declaration of Paul D. Durkee, diligent effort has been made to obtain the signature of inventor Torres on the Declaration and despite such diligent efforts, it is submitted that Abel Torres's conduct constitutes a refusal to sign the Declaration. The last known address of Abel Torres is 25853 Sunrise Way, Loma Linda, CA 92354..

Applicants respectfully request that the Declaration enclosed herewith, which has been signed by inventors Tannous and Gonzalez and which includes the blank signature block of the non-signing inventor Torres, be treated as having been signed by inventors Tannous and Gonzalez on their own behalf and on behalf of the non-signing inventor Torres.

Applicants enclose herewith a check to cover the Petition fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(h), the application filing fee, and the surcharge for late filing of the Declaration and filing fee, and a fee for a two month extension of time for response to Missing Parts. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0845.

Dated: 19 Mar 04

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments: Declaration of Michele O'Shea,  
Declaration of Paul D. Durkee  
Declaration signed by two of three inventors

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